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A mother Tiger and Cubs float in Zundert, a Town in the Province of Brabant. Zundert is a major producer of Horticultural Equipment and Products. Zundert's annual Bloemencorso, (Flower Parade) started in 1936 and it is the oldest and largest Bloemencorso in the world. Over 20 million Dahlia flowers are used on twenty floats. Volunteers in 20 hamlets grow the flowers and make the floats. More on the Town of Zundert and the Dahlias on pages 20-21.

# Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

**The following upcoming Neerlandia Functions and Events will be organised by Neerlandia at the Rhein Donau Club in Myaree.**

**Important:** The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months. For more accurate information, **always** refer to advertisements inside this magazine or contact the appropriate person of the Sub-Club concerned, as displayed on the second last page. Or look on our website:  
neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com

## **Calendar of Upcoming Neerlandia Events held at the RDC unless shown as External.**

### **February 2020:**

Friday 28                      **Maas & Waal at Morley**                      6pm

### **March 2020:**

Sunday 1                      **Sunday Klaverjas Drive**                      11 am

Sunday 22                      **Electronics Club at the RDC**

Mon 2,9,16,23,30                      **Hollandia Billiard Club**                      9.30am

Wed 4,11,18,25                      **Wednesday Card Club**                      10am

Wed 4,18                      **Wednesday Bingo**                      11am

Thurs 5,12,19,26                      **Thursday Night Card Club**                      7pm

Thurs 12,26                      **Neerlandia Seniors' Club**                      10am

Friday 27                      **Maas & Waal at Myaree**                      6pm

Sunday 29                      **Sunday Klaverjas Drive**                      11 am

### **April 2020:**

Sunday 5                      **Easter Brunch**  
(More details on page 10)

Mon 6,13,20,27                      **Hollandia Billiard Club**                      9.30am

Wed 1,8,15,22,29                      **Wednesday Card Club**                      10am

Wed 1, 15,29                      **Wednesday Bingo**                      11am

Thurs 2,9,16,23,30                      **Thursday Night Card Club**                      7pm

Thurs 9,23                      **Neerlandia Seniors' Club**                      10am

Friday 24                      **Orange Maas & Waal at Morley**                      6pm

### **Clubhouse details:**

**Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for all their activities.**

**Address: 110 North Lake Road, Myaree—6154**

### **Postal Address:**

**P. O. Box 200,  
Wembley, W. A. 6913**

### **Email:**

**neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com**

### **Webpage:**

**www.dutchclubwa.com**

**Phone: Contact Committee Members on second last page.**

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### **Beste Medelanders,**

While I am writing this month's President's Report, I'm on my way to Newman again.

How lovely is it to be able to travel and see more off WA. Highly recommended.

I am very happy to announce that the RDC have been successful in securing new Caterers. The new Kitchen Chef's name is Bobby and some of you might remember him, as many years ago he was connected with the kitchen at the RDC as well.

I am looking forward to seeing him in action.

Last month we had a very successful "INTRODUCTION TO DUTCH CONVERSATION CLASS" organized by Machiel together with LanguageOne. (Report on page 14.) The lessons which are free for Neerlandia Members and a small fee will be payable for non-Members. Interested, please make sure you register via Machiel as places are limited.

Groeten,

**Eric van Waaijenburg.**



### **TELETHON 2020 CAMPAIGN**

During the last Maas and Waal Borrel and on the last Seniors and Bingo days, the Telethon bucket was made available to receive donations and a total of

**\$43.05** was collected,

taking the total to a new level of  
**\$393.95.**

*Let us do it again for our sick kids in WA!!*

**Are you one of the lucky parents, who did not have to battle with sick children??**

*Henk Oorschot*

*Event Co-ordinator. Life Member.*

### **NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.**

**Mirka Bandura**

**Johanna Todd-van der Vliet**

**Jeannette Kuiper**

**Rita Phillips**

**Hette Kaastra**

**Natacha Beukering**

**Annegret Renk-Kotzee**

# Dutch Conversation Language Classes

**Neerlandia is providing Dutch Conversation Language Classes in cooperation with LanguageOne.**

These Classes will be conducted every last Friday of the month and will be alternating between two locations: The Rhine Donau Club in Myaree and the Morley Windmills Sports Club in Embleton.

**Interested? Please keep on reading for more details, dates and times.**

Costs for **non-Neerlandia Members** for these Dutch Classes are as follows: \$10 per lesson per person, \$15 per lesson for two persons of the same family and \$20 per lesson for a family.

Costs for **Neerlandia Dutch Club Members** for these Dutch classes are only \$5.

Thus \$5 per lesson per person, \$5 per lesson for two persons of the same family or \$5 per lesson for a family. The first lesson, on January 31st, was free, if you join now, you pay for the next five lessons in advance.

**If you like to become a Neerlandia Dutch Club Member, that can be organised on the night.**

## **Dutch Language Class Sessions at the Rhein Donau Club Inc.**

From 6pm to 7pm on every odd month the lessons will be conducted at The Rhein Donau Club Inc. in Myaree, 110 North Lake Rd, Melville, WA 6154 on the following Fridays: January 31st, March 27th, May 29th, July 31st, September 25th and November 27th.

On the same dates Neerlandia will also hold their End of Month Drinks (the Maas & Waal Borrel), which you can attend and enjoy our hospitality after the lessons.

## **Dutch Class Sessions at the Morley Windmills Soccer Club.**

From 6pm to 7pm on every even month the lessons will be conducted at Morley Windmills Soccer Club in Embleton, Broun Ave, Embleton WA 6062 on the following Fridays: February 28th, April 24th, June 26th, August 28th and 30th October.

On the same dates we will also hold our End of Month Drinks (the Maas & Waal Borrel), which you can attend and enjoy our hospitality after the lessons.

For any questions or to show your interest, please contact Machiel van der Stelt via:

[mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com) or Eric van Waaijenburg via: [eric@epo.net.au](mailto:eric@epo.net.au)

On our Website: [https://www.dutchclubwa.com/?page\\_id=1672](https://www.dutchclubwa.com/?page_id=1672) you can find more information and the link to our online learning portal.

This way you can stay in contact with the teacher and other students while you study. After you decide to sign up for the Dutch lessons, if you like to do so, we can create a Moodle account for you.

More information on these Dutch Lessons including an application form that can be filled in regarding the type of lessons you may need; as well as a Neerlandia Membership Application Form can be found on our Website: [www.dutchclubwa.com](http://www.dutchclubwa.com)

### Anniversary place mat and mug.



When we had our 50th Anniversary Lunch on Sunday the 9th of June, everybody at the Lunch received their Anniversary place mat. When we had our Anniversary Party at the Morley Windmills on Saturday the 26th of October, everybody at the Party received their Anniversary mug and place mat. At the various Sub-Club meetings, those that had not received them as yet, were issued with these Anniversary items.

**On a Membership list we have recorded who has received these items and we have noticed that a number of Members at this stage have not received them.**

**So if you would like to get a place mat and mug, please contact me on 9256 1977 or by email at [henkoorschott@bigpond.com](mailto:henkoorschott@bigpond.com) and I will make arrangements with you on how to get them to you.**

Henk Oorschot. L.M.

### *In Memoriam*

Passed away the 22nd of January

**Bill (Wim) Spanbroek**

A Neerlandia Member and  
Member of the Bingo Club.

Sincere condolences to Katherine & family.



**May He Rest in Peace.**

### Editorial.

#### *The Corona Virus.*

This topic is thoroughly reported on TV and in the newspapers, and as we all know, the media like to sensationalise things and that will scare people unnecessary.

I came across an article written by a doctor named Ross Walker, who writes about this subject in a calm and precise manner.

In order to enlighten and inform our Members and Readers about the severity of this virus, I have taken liberty to copy his article for you on pages 14 & 15 of this magazine.

However, you should be aware that this virus, although not as lethal as the newspapers make it out to be, can still make a person very ill and it can be very lethal to people with pre-existing illnesses as well as the elderly, as pointed out in the article on pages 14 & 15.

If the virus were to become established in Australia, regular hand washing routine is essential. Spreading this virus is by droplet infection and openly coughing and sneezing in public is a strict no-no!!

***Regarding our Club Meetings, if you or members of your household become ill, or have been in contact with anyone that has this virus, please do not attend any Club Functions for at least a few weeks.***

***As well keep following the media for more up-to-date advice.***

The work of a Magazine Editor can be demanding and quite hectic at certain times, specially as deadlines have to be met.

Therefore it is nice to occasionally receive compliments about the Magazine.

Last month I did so from Arron Metcalf, Glen vandenBerg and from Anthony Willinge, the Honorary Dutch Consul in WA.

Those were very much appreciated.

**Your Editor,**

**Pieter Leeftang. (Life Member)**

### You love working with kids and families?

The Neerlandia Junior Club has a volunteering opportunity available for you as an **Assistant Event Organizer**, to help organise children and family events.

What you need assist us with?

1. Book space at service providers, such as at the Ice Skate facility, Rhein Donau Club, and Windmills Club.
2. Marketing and advertising of events on Facebook.
3. Have fun and enjoy a lot of activities.

If you would like to assist Neerlandia with the above volunteering opportunities, please contact Machiel van der Stelt on:

[mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com)

### Memoirs writing.

The Neerlandia Dutch Club would like to know how many people are interested in a **one-day Memoirs Writing Course**, sometimes in May, which lasts for 7 hours and cover all the important information needed to start writing a life story.

There is no restriction on the number of people participating, but we need at least 15 to 20 people for the event to go ahead. With 15 to 20 people the price will be about \$50 per person. The teacher, who is Rhuwina Griffiths, will provide all teaching materials and will leave you with a folder containing useful information plus some writing that you will do on the day.

For anyone who is interested, please contact Machiel van der Stelt:

[mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com)

**Machiel van der Stelt.**

### Advocaat, Oude Jenever, Jonge Jenever and Citroen Jenever

Are you looking for a present for that special Dutch man in your life.

We now have a very limited stock of:

« # **Oude Jenever** in the traditional stone bottle - \$70 for 1 litre.

Another special we can help you with is :

« # **Citroen Jenever** - \$60 for 1 litre, again, very limited stock.

We also have available for you:

« # **Jonge Jenever** - \$65 for 1 litre

And of course, plenty of thick:

« # **Zwarte Kip Advocaat** - \$20 for 500ml

We can order for you:

« # **Wenckers Bessen Jenever** - \$55 for 1 litre

If available from our agent over East!



Please contact Lianna on 0437 629 635 to place your order and to arrange pick up.

### Always loved books and like to assist people?

The Neerlandia Dutch Club has a volunteering opportunity available for you to help out in our Dutch book Library as a **Library Assistant**.

**What your duties would be:**

1. Organizing the books alphabetically in the library.
2. Scanning and manually record books on our online catalogue system.
3. Have fun and read as many books as you like.

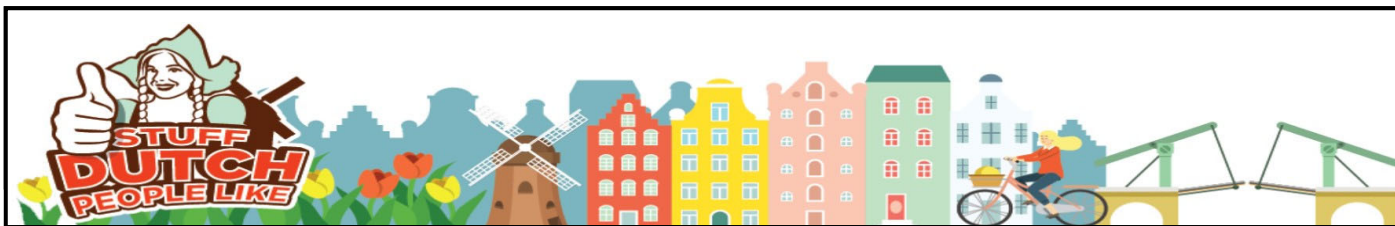
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**Machiel van der Stelt.**



# Stuff Dutch People Like

“Stuff Dutch People Like” is a column written by an Expatriate living in the Netherlands. This amusing column observes the Dutch in their everyday life. We hope that you enjoy reading “Stuff Dutch People Like” as much as we do. The blog is available via the internet.

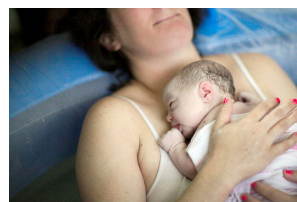


## 12 Reasons Why Dutch Moms Are The Happiest.

It's no secret that Dutch women live a pretty charmed life. And we've all heard time and again that Dutch babies and Dutch kids are the happiest in the world. But the question remains: “Where do the happiest mothers in the world live? Well, you guessed it; the Netherlands!” We're here today to share 12 reasons why Dutch moms are the happiest. Get ready to start taking notes because this is some seriously good info!

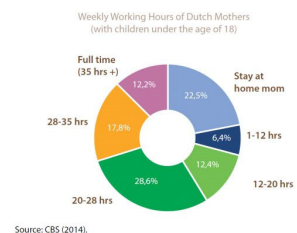
### 1. They give birth on their own terms.

Looking to give birth in the comfort of your own home with not a doctor in sight? No problems! Thousands of Dutch women have done it – and continue to do so everyday. Prefer a hospital environment with as many drugs and medical staff as possible? Also not a worry! Anything goes in the Netherlands. All jokes aside, freedom of choice plays a central role in the Dutch maternity system, empowering women to trust their own decisions and bodies. Unsurprisingly, empowered pregnancies and births result in more positive experiences as well as better physical and mental outcomes for mothers.



### 2. They work part-time.

OK, this might be a bit of a stretch, of course not *all* Dutch mothers work part-time, but a heck of a lot of them do! According to the latest official national statistics, one in three Dutch women “stop working or work less” after the birth of their first child, only a mere 12% of those with children under 18 work “full-time” (i.e. more than 35 hours per week). Plenty of Dutch jobs accommodate part-time workers and in some cases an employer is not allowed to refuse requests to work fewer hours.



### 3. They have flexible working hours.

The acceptance of part-time work (even at higher levels) allows Dutch women to not have to choose between being a “stay-at-home-mom” or a “working-mom”. Why can't you be both and why shouldn't you be? Want to be with your kids one day a week or be able to pick them up from school each day at 15:00? Dutch mothers can!



### 4. They take schedules seriously.

Dutch moms live by routine. Don't believe us? Take a peek on any street after 18:00 and you will not spot a single kid out playing! Dutch moms have their children fed, washed, and nearly in bed by that time! The majority of Dutch parents follow a fairly strict and predictable day and night-time routine, which produces happy, healthy, and well-rested children.



### 5. They co-parent like a boss.

Dutch moms have a secret weapon; Dutch dads! Dutch dads are actively involved in parenting across the board. The Dutch “*papadag*” helps as well, as over a third of men in the Netherlands have a reduced work week and 15% of all Dutch fathers choose to work less (CBS). The younger generation is also part of this modern new family with an astounding 66% of Dutch young men saying they plan to reduce their working hours when they become a father! There is no doubt that in households where fathers are equals in parenting, mothers are happier!

*(Colleen Geske is the founder of Stuff Dutch People Like. She is originally from Canada and has called Amsterdam her home since 2004. Stuff Dutch Moms Like is the fourth book in the series).*



*(To be continued next month with the other 7 reasons)*



# The Neerlandia Seniors' Club

## Welcome to the Neerlandia Seniors' Club page.

On the 30th of January, Gerry James and Tilly Stulcbauer combined to provide the Birthday cake, while Thea Bloks provided lamingtons on the 13th of February. **Thank you for that.**

As the new Chef had not started yet on either days, the club provided a Subway lunch and a McDonald's apple pie for the first meeting - free for everyone. On the second day we again got Subway and apple pie, paid for by the Members. They were great lunches.

Two ladies from Cura In-Home Care, Annegret and Jose, joined us on 13th of February and informed us about their work and also provided some entertainment, very interesting.

**We also welcomed Rini Clemens, who was a Dutch Club & Card Club Member before.**

**Anyone is welcome to find out how you can have fun at the Seniors Club !!**

**58 Members on Thursday 30th January. 51 Members on Thursday 13th February.**





# Reunion for 18th Squadron NEI-RAAF Australia



## Inaugural Reunion for the 18th Squadron NEI-RAAF Australia Veterans, Families and Associated Friends *Connections Through the Connection of the Fathers Grew the Connection of the Families*

The weekend will start with the [ANZAC Day March](#)

**When:** Saturday 25th April & Sunday 26th April 2020 - **Melbourne** Vic  
**Date:** Sat 25th April 2020  
**Time:** Time and place for assembly to be notified.  
**Meet:** Start Melbourne city finishing at the Shrine of Remembrance - to be advised

### [Inaugural Reunion](#)

**Where:** Dutch Club Abel Tasman, 60 Rosstown Rd, Carnegie VIC 3163, Australia  
**Date:** Sunday 26th April 2020  
**Time:** 10:30 am to 4.00 pm

### **Program**

10:30 am - Fellowship  
12:00 pm - LUNCH Roast, 3 Meats, 3 Vegetables, Salad and Dessert, Tea and coffee (Other Drinks available at your own cost).  
1:00 pm - Greetings by Dignitaries  
2:00 pm - Fellowship  
4:00 pm - Close of Reunion - Till We Meet Again

Cost: \$40.00 per person approximately

Guests are welcome to bring any items / memorabilia that you would like to share for the static display table. Any photos please make sure these are in books so as not to get damaged.

Expressions of interest in attending to Email: [18sqnei.aust@gmail.com](mailto:18sqnei.aust@gmail.com) Please include your name, your family relationship, telephone number and email address.



Looking forward to great conversation and friendships.

# EASTER BRUNCH.

Neerlandia Members and their Guests are cordially  
invited to join us for the

## EASTER BRUNCH



on  
**Sunday 5th April**  
at the Rhine-Donau Club  
110 North Lake Road  
Myaree.



**10.30am—12.30pm**  
(Doors open 9.30am)



**Members \$10**  
**Guests \$20**



**Please purchase tickets by contacting:**  
Henk Oorschot on 9256 1977, [henkoorschott@bigpond.com](mailto:henkoorschott@bigpond.com)  
or Freda Hovingh on: 9446 0240; Mob: 0414 732 367



**The Committee is looking forward to welcome you  
all at the Easter Brunch on 5th of April at the RDC.**



# The André Rieu Performance

## Andre Rieu's 70th Birthday Party Performance in Event Cinemas Innaloo.



### *André Rieu, the Violinist, the Conductor, the Man Himself.*

André Leon Marie Nicolas Rieu, born October 1st 1949. As a young boy, he watched his father conduct the Limburg Symphony Orchestra and was seduced by the violin bows moving up and down in unison. He was bewitched by the instrument and beguiled by his pretty blond-haired violin tutor... for André, music has always been about love.

In 70 years that passion has never faded and for his Birthday Celebration, André has handpicked some of his favourite performances from his career so far.

*André said: "It was an impossible challenge, but I always choose music which touches my heart and I know it will touch your heart too".*

One hundred Members and friends enjoyed an amazing performance of André Rieu and his "Johan Strauss Orchestra" at the Event Cinemas in Innaloo on Sunday the 9th of February, celebrating his 70th Birthday. We were shown scenes from his party at his Maastricht Castle residence, where, during an interview, we learned that he also had his ups and downs in life. But with support of his family, he came out stronger.

During the performance, we started in New York with "My Way", very powerful and from there we moved all over the world with "Hallelujah" completing the first halve. After the intermission, we enjoyed many more great pieces of music and before we knew it, the show was over. Everybody felt that the afternoon had been very special.

*Thank you to Neerlandia, your Dutch Club, for sponsoring this great Event.*

Henk Oorschot, Event Co-ordinator. L.M.

**In July 2020 André Rieu will perform his annual Show on the Vrijthof in Maastricht, and on Sunday 2nd August it will be in the Australian cinemas !!!**

It will be shown in the Vmax 11 cinema in Innaloo. It promises to be another great performance not to be missed and I have a block booking for 104 seats organised. More information will be available in the April Magazine.

## Bingo at The Rhein-Donau Club Inc in the "Edelweiss Hall"



### NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.

Day Games only:

4th and 18th of March.

1st, 15th and 29th of April.

Games start at 11am—Doors open at 10am.



*Lunch, a bowl of soup with bun, is \$7.50, at cost. Coffee/tea/biscuits free, self help.*



**Bingo on Wednesday 5th of February.** With 23 players the year was off on a good start ! !

### **BINGO BULLETIN.** *From your friendly Bingo Organiser.*

Hot weather and some players still away on holidays, kept the numbers on the low side.

As the new Chef was not yet available, we all brought our own lunches, which worked out well and we also welcomed a new player, **Marjorie Bly**, who won some money as well ! ! With only 23 players, only one player played for free and that was **Dirk Heistek**, while the Chocolate wafer prize was won by **Diana van der Meer**, and the box of Ferrero chocolates promoted by Neerlandia, was won by **Ida Jutte**, while the \$25.— loaded game (\$38) was won by **Ria Nissen**.

All in all it was a good start for the year with lots of laughter.

We also started a new Jackpot at \$40.— which did not go off, so better luck next time.

**Just to refresh your memory: With less than 26 players, only one plays for free, 26 players or more, 2 will play for free and the more players, the higher the prizes!!!!**

*We had one minute silence for Bill Spanbroek, who passed away on Wednesday 22nd of January. He started playing Bingo on 21st September 2016. Rest in Peace, Bill.*

*Henk Oorschot and Louis James.*

*For information call Henk 9256 1977*



## DUTCH Community Radio



### BROADCASTING IN THE DUTCH LANGUAGE.

#### MISSION:

**ENABLE THE DUTCH COMMUNITY TO REMAIN CONNECTED WITH THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE.**

Dear Members of Neerlandia, readers of the Neerlandia Magazine and listeners to our DCR-programs on Sundays from 2-3.30pm on 95.3FM.

We, as the team of the Dutch Community Radio, love talking to you, bring you the best music programs with lots of music and info, but this time I would like to write to you about our coming programs. We all

have different tasks. Presenting is my thing. But, what I even like more, is introducing you to very interesting people.

So on the first of March we have Robrecht as a guest in the studio. Robrecht is specialised in Dutch theatre, standup comedy and he wrote a PHD about the difference in sense of humour between the Australian and Dutch culture. Interesting!! On the eighth of March Igor van de Ploeg will be our guest. Igor already made name due to his art of homemade bitter balls and croquets! He will unveil his secret!!

On the fifth of April Margareth and I will have a chat about Bergen op Zoom. Margareth lives in this beautiful medieval City and volunteers as a town tour guide, a very knowledgeable lady. We'll spice the program up with entertaining music from Brabant.

We're so looking forward to the coming broadcasts.

If you did miss out on any Sunday session, just ask Peter van der Wedden to send it to your Dropbox. That's the opportunity to listen to the broadcast in your own time. Hope to hear from you one day or see you at the club. Warm regards, **Wilna.**

#### **A message from Maarten.**

In August 2018, Wilna asked me if I would like to experience a broadcast from Dutch Community Radio. Although I had no radio experience at all, I certainly liked the idea! The first day in the studio, I had an interview with Wilna. About her sailing trips that she and her husband Reg have been making for a few years now over the seas between Greece and Turkey. I was sold immediately and stayed.

Everyone in the DCR has his or her own role. Karin makes the program every week and she does it with such passion that it is always a pleasure for us, the presenters, to present the program. Peter is largely responsible for the technology. Bob and Karin jump in when Peter is not available. Our technician is so important, without them the program will not go on air, it is that simple.

First I had to follow a course at 6EBA. After passing the exam I was officially a presenter with an ID- pass and all! How Aussie! What makes participating in DCR so special is that we are all volunteers. Nobody is paid; everyone is selflessly committed to keeping the Dutch music culture here Down Under alive. And that is so important. It is also important that we cannot make the programs without your support. By this I mean giving us feedback about the program and also your financial support. As we indicate in our program every week, this is so easy to do. Take a look at our, easy to navigate, website: [www.dutchradio.com.au](http://www.dutchradio.com.au)

Right from the start I participated with great pleasure in the DCR. Unfortunately this has come to an end; Sunday 9 February was my last broadcast. When you read this we have left Perth and we have started our next adventure. I will miss DCR very much. It was a fantastic and warm addition to our stay in Perth. I thank all my colleagues at DCR for the great cooperation and I thank you for your support to us, the proud volunteers of Dutch Community Radio, who present a link with the Netherlands every Sunday.

**Maarten.**



## Should you be worried about coronavirus? An expert weighs in. Dr. Ross Walker

The first human case of coronavirus was detected in Wuhan in China on December 31. At the time of publishing this article, there was a reported 1107 deaths and 70,500 cases of this new viral illness.

The vast majority clearly being from human to human contact.

Thus, the virus seems less contagious and approximately as lethal as the more significant influenza A epidemics.

Most of the cases of coronavirus have been detected in Wuhan, but a number of cases have been detected in many countries including five confirmed in Australia. All these five cases have travelled to China, and in particular Wuhan, over the past two weeks. It has been confirmed that the virus arose from the Hubei seafood market in Wuhan, which also sells a variety of exotic animals. It appears that the natural vector for this virus and the other two human acquired Coronaviruses — SARS and MERS, are bats. The infected possibly was started by bat droppings or it was caused by eating raw bat meat.

A typical infection since the virus began just under one month ago is characterised by a mild-to-moderate respiratory illness, characterised by a cough, fever and at times pneumonia. The vast majority of people have recovered fully with no complications. The deaths reported have been in people with other significant medical illnesses such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, long-standing diabetes and those. Interestingly, most of the deaths from SARS and MERS were in patients with cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

On January 29, the *New England Journal of Medicine* published a special case report from Vietnam showing father-to-son transmission. The father, with a history of heart disease and lung cancer, had travelled from Wuhan and was admitted to a Vietnamese hospital with pneumonia. His son developed respiratory symptoms within three days of exposure to his father and both tested positive for the coronavirus. Both father and son have recovered fully.

Thus, most people infected with this virus experience moderate respiratory illness and recover. The real concern is around older patients with a pre-existing illness and compromised immunity defence systems being exposed to the virus.

More recently Cruise Ships are kept in quarantine. But a worrying trend is that on the Cruise Ship, quarantined in Japan, the number of cases have multiplied from a few to several hundreds, despite the guest having been confined in their huts. Is it spread through the air-conditioning system??

On Christmas Island a large number of Australian citizens from Wuhan were put in quarantine for a few weeks and have since declared safe and allowed to go to Australia.



People in Wuhan, protect themselves.



## The Corona Virus Outbreak (cont.)

It is my opinion that the responses from a variety of authorities all over the world to this significant health issue has been appropriate and hopefully will help contain the virus before it becomes more widespread. SARS occurred in 2002 in China, affecting 8000 patients with 800 fatalities i.e. a 10 per cent death rate. MERS, originating in the Middle East in 2012, affected only 2,500 patients, being lethal in 850 people with a fatality rate of 34 per cent. Thankfully, it appears this coronavirus, although quite contagious is much less severe.

On January 29, the *New England Journal of Medicine* published a special case report from Vietnam showing father-to-son transmission. The father, with a history of heart disease and lung cancer, had travelled from Wuhan and was admitted to a Vietnamese hospital with pneumonia. His son developed respiratory symptoms within three days of exposure to his father and both tested positive for the coronavirus. Both father and son have recovered fully.

Thus, most people infected with this virus experience moderate respiratory illness and recover. The real concern is around older patients with significant comorbid conditions being exposed to the virus.

Recently, the New South Wales government requested that anyone who had travelled from China in the last two weeks should stay at home for a further fortnight to ensure they are not affected. This includes the request for parents to keep their children at home from school for this period if they have travelled from China.

There are no anti-viral agents that treat this virus and a potential vaccine appears at least twelve to eighteen months away. The best way to contain this virus is to isolate proven or suspected cases and to quarantine any people who have been exposed to someone with the illness.

*Therefore, I believe we should be concerned but not excessively worried. I believe the global response to managing this issue has been highly appropriate and responsible and we should all get on with our lives. Of course, we should be taking precautions, as always suggested, such as appropriate hand washing, keeping away from people with respiratory infections & reporting any symptoms to your doctor and isolating yourself when you have any of the symptoms.*

We live in a global, connected world and, unfortunately, we cannot be isolated or immune from what may arise in another country. When this virus is contained, which it will be, another crisis will occur either locally, as we have witnessed in Australia with the drought and bushfires, or somewhere else in the world.

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Also be aware of the many scams that have sprung up like mushrooms. Some offer preventative medicines and other weird products. They will not work as this is a virus and cannot be cured. The Scams are only promoted to relieve you of your cash.

# The January Maas & Waal & new Initiatives

## Neerlandia in 2020.

On Friday 31 January, Neerlandia hosted its first Maas & Waal Borrel for the new year at the RDC and everything was fun and exciting.



**The new initiative, Dutch Conversational Language Classes, was popular with 30+ Members and Non-Members participating.**

For starters, Armanda and her staff had the stainless steel van parked outside, thereby creating a real snack bar feel for those patrons wanting “patatje met, bitterbal or kroket.”

At entering the building it was obvious that there was something in the air. It soon appeared that for this Maas & Waal Borrel, three separate events had been organised. At the front office was a group of 30+ enthusiastic English speaking Members and non- Members, who had come to the Club to attend to the first Dutch Conversation Class. After years of discussing and researching the possibilities, Neerlandia is now able to offer Dutch language lessons of various levels. The teaching of the Dutch language is in the safe hands of Martine, teacher at LanguageOne, the Dutch School in Mt Claremont.

If you weren't at the Club for the Dutch

lessons, you could attend Willem van Benten's presentation for the Young Professionals. Willem told his story of returning to Australia from the Netherlands, setting up a Dutch company and all the obstacles he had to overcome to make that business a successful one.

And lastly, at seven o'clock it was time for Open Mic, where budding artists are given the opportunity to perform while Neerlandia Members and guests enjoy a bite to eat and a drink. On 31 January we were lucky enough to have Jimmy Kersh singing well-known covers while accompanying himself on the guitar. Like previously it was a pleasure to listen to his warm voice and guitar play.

Looking back at the January Maas & Waal Borrel, it is obvious that Neerlandia has entered a new era. While the traditional Members are well looked after enjoying many entertaining hours playing bingo, klaverjas or are otherwise socialising, Eric and Machiel, fathers of growing children, have found a formula to attract families and their children to the Club.

Neerlandia is very lucky to have a dedicated and a balanced Committee, whose Members are willing and able to attract both traditional and younger Neerlandia Members.

Neerlandia has entered a new era, thereby guaranteeing a long life for the Dutch Club.

This article would not be complete if we didn't stress the importance of Member involvement. Together we are strong. Therefore, if you have any suggestions or ideas to add to the list of Club activities, please don't hesitate to contact Eric on [eric@eppo.net.au](mailto:eric@eppo.net.au) or Machiel on [mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com).

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Alternatively, visit our **Club website** [www.dutchclubwa.com](http://www.dutchclubwa.com) to read about events and Member benefits.

Did you know that you can have digital access to **Dutch Magazines** through the Neerlandia website?

For information on Dutch Conversation classes, please visit:

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## The February Sunday Drive.

On Sunday the 2nd of February, the first Sunday Drive of the year 2020 was held. With 3 regulars on board of a cruise ship and with 4 other regulars, who had excused themselves, we were very lucky to have 3 complete tables.

But everyone still had an enjoyable time and the 4 games were played in a very good and competitive spirit, with all tables finishing within a short time around 2.30 pm.

As the RDC had not yet finalised a new Catering Contract, lunch had to be organised by ourselves.

As soon as the number of Members was known, we phoned Subway and ordered the lunch packs, to be picked up at 12.30.

***This, of course was the wrong decision.***

I believe that as soon after Subway received the phone order, they prepared the lunch-packs and they must have sat on the counter for more than one hour, with the results that the rolls were a bit on the soggy side. But they tasted very good. Lesson learned for next time.

The competition results show that the three winners had shared no less than 9 prizes between them since November. Lucky???

**The final results were:**

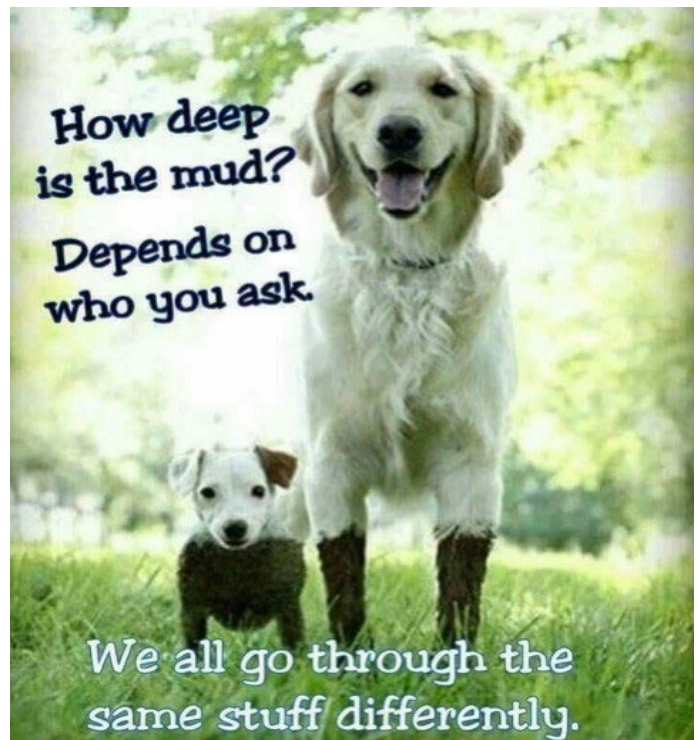
<b>1st prize:</b>	<b>Piet Leeftang</b>	<b>6793 points</b>
<b>2nd prize:</b>	<b>Jan Lagerwey</b>	<b>6645 points</b>
<b>3rd prize:</b>	<b>Freda Hovingh</b>	<b>6422 points</b>

**Note: There will be 2 Sunday Drives held in March. That will be on Sunday 1st March and again on Sunday 29th March.**

**Pieter L, Life Member.**



**The winners in February: (l.t.r.) Jan Lagerwey 2nd Prize; Elly Schenkelaars 3rd Prize; and Piet Leeftang, 1st Prize.**



## Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

De eerstvolgende zondag klaverjas tournooien worden gehouden op 1 Maart en op **29 Maart. (niet op 5 April)**

**Zaal is open om 10 uur voor de Koffie.**

Het Kaarten begint om 11 uur precies. Kom Klaverjassen in de gezellige Karl's Bar van de RDC.

Prijzen voor de 3 winnaars.

Twee kopjes koffie met iets erbij en een goede Lunch zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen. Nieuwe Klaverjassers zijn van harte welkom.



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## How Moses passed on the 10 Commandments to the world.



God went to the Arabs and said: 'I have Commandments for you, that will make your lives better.'

The Arabs asked: 'What are Commandments?' And the Lord said: 'They are rules for living.'

'Can you give us an example?'

'Thou shall not kill.'

'Not kill? We're not interested.'

He went to an African country and said: 'I have Commandments.'

They also wanted an example and the Lord said: 'Honour thy Father and Mother.'

'Father? We don't know who our fathers are. We're not interested.'

Then He went to the Mexicans and said: 'I have Commandments.'

The Mexicans also wanted an example, and the Lord said: 'Thou shall not steal.'

'Not steal? We're not interested.'

Then He went to the French and said: 'I have Commandments.'

The French too wanted an example and the Lord said: 'Thou shall not commit adultery.'

'Sacre bleu!!! Not commit adultery? We're not interested.'

Finally, He went to the Jews and said: 'I have Commandments.'

'Commandments?' They said: 'How much are they?'

'They're free.'

'We'll take 10.'

## The pregnant lady.

A three-year old walks over to a pregnant lady, while waiting with his mother in a doctor's surgery.



"Why is your stomach so big?" he asks.

"I'm having a baby," she replies.

"Is the baby in your stomach?" he asks, with his big eyes.

"Yes, it is," she says.

"Is it a good baby?" he asks, with a puzzled look.

"Oh, yes. A really good baby," the lady replies.

Shocked and surprised, the little boy asks:

"Then why did you eat him?"

## A married couple and the Fairy.

A married couple were both 65 years old and were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. When all the family and guests had left their house, a fairy appeared from nowhere and said to them:

"Congratulations, you two on your long and prosperous marriage. I'm here to grant you both one wish."

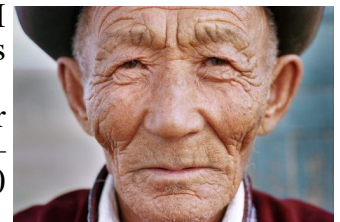
Excitedly, the wife said: "I want to travel around the world."

The fairy waved her magic wand and with a bang, the wife suddenly had tickets in her hand for a round the world cruise on one of the best ships in the world.

Then the fairy asked the husband what he wanted.

Without skipping a beat, the husband replied. "I wish I had a wife 30 years younger than me."

So the fairy picked up her wand and with a bang – in a flash he aged 30 years.



## She got that wrong!



A radical feminist was getting on the local bus when, just in front of her, a man got up from his seat.

She thought to herself: "Here's another man trying to keep up the customs of a patriarchal society by offering a poor, struggling woman his seat."

So she pushed him back onto the seat.

A few minutes later, the man tried to get up again. Still insulted by his supposed chivalry, she once again refused to let him stand.

Finally, the man said: "Look, lady, you've got to let me get up. I'm twelve blocks past my stop already."

(And she was surprised, that the other passengers all cheered and clapped.)



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# Zundert, the Horticulture & Bloemencorso Town



## Zundert Flag & Coat of Arms.

nursery products of the Netherlands is from Zundert. Production of strawberries, young trees and hedging plants also play an important part.

## History:

The Name Zundert was first encountered in a certificate dating from 1157, in which the Bishop of Liege confirms a donation from the place "Sunderda". This Sunderda actually relates to the current settlement of Klein Zundert (Dutch for Small Zundert), one of the first settlements in the area, where a Monastery was established. The monks were involved with clearing the swampy land and showed the locals improvised agricultural methods.



## Oldest Dutch Tavern licence.

a plaque at this location still commemorates his birth. In May 2007 a start was made with renovating the more recently built house on the same address and the Vincent van Gogh house was opened in August 2008.

## Tavern:

At a small distance from the Town, an old Tavern called "In Den Anker" can be found, which has the oldest license in the Netherlands. It originally dates from 1635, but the tavern was rebuilt in 1913.

## Vincent van Gogh:

Zundert is the birthplace and was the childhood home of the famous painter Vincent van Gogh. He was born on 30th March 1853 in a little house on Zundert's main street: "Markt 29". The old house is gone as it was too dilapidated to preserve, but



**A bronze monument made by the French artist Ossip Zadkine of Vincent and his brother Theo.**



## Windmills:

Zundert is the home of a 17th century windmill, called 'De Akkermolen' (The Croftmill). It is said to have been originally built in 1652. It is a standard mill and it was built to process grain.

The Akkermolen is currently owned by the Municipality of Zundert, which bought it in 1959. It needed serious restoration, which took place in 1961 and further restoration took place in 1991.



Colourful and ingenious Floats of the Bloemen Corso.



# Zundert, the Horticulture & Bloemencorso Town



**Lots of imagination and months of hard work.**

## **Bloemencorso (Flower Parade):**

**The Bloemencorso Zundert** takes place on the first Sunday of September every year. It is the largest Flower Parade in the world and the floats are made entirely by volunteers. Tourists flock to the Town from the Netherlands and nearby Belgium to watch the Parade.

All this first started in 1936.

The floats are large artworks made of steel wire, cardboard, papier-mâché and of course flowers.

**Only dahlias are used for “Bloemencorso” Zundert to decorate the objects on the floats and it takes hundreds of thousands of them just to cover one float. About 20 million dahlias are needed for the 20 floats. Of these, around 6 million are cultivated in Zundert itself, the rest is imported from other locations.**

The huge floats are made by twenty different Hamlets and each Hamlet uses hundreds of builders, aged 1 to 100, who are all equally crazy about the “Bloemencorso”. The older members of the Hamlet are often responsible for planting and growing the dahlias, while the younger ones build the float in large temporary tents that are built exclusively for this event.

**The “Bloemencorso” is also a competition.** A professional and independent jury decides which float is the most beautiful and which Hamlet will be crowned the winner for that year.

The Unesco Convention for the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage promotes heritage events, which are placed on a national inventory. The first Dutch entry on their national inventory is the **“Bloemencorso Zundert.”**

**The Town Hall of Zundert** was built in 1830 in neo-classical style. The derelict building was partly demolished and rebuilt in the same style in 1965.



**The floats are made and housed in large, purposely built, sheds.**



**All hands on deck to put fasteners through the Dahlias.**

**Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.**



**The Town Hall of Zundert.**



# Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles

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## CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **two** letters only are revealed. Start with entering these letters throughout the puzzle and then start guessing your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z. *The last Codebreaker was a bit difficult, but once you found the words **Liabile**, **Allowance** and **Gongs**, you were well on your way to solve it.*

*The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker was as follows:*  
A=6; B=7; C=23; D=9; E=20;  
F=13; G=26; H=24; I=25;  
J=18; K=12; L=14; M=2; N=4;  
O=21; P=8; Q=22; R=15; S=10;  
T=11; U=19; V=3; W=1; X=17;  
Y=5; Z=16.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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								R				

## Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column, but each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

### Sudoku 50 - Easy

7		3		1	4	6		
			7		9		8	
		8	3					1
5		9					4	
				2		9	1	6
2			9		8			7
	8	7				4	5	
9	1			3		2		
3								9

### Sudoku 50 - Moderate

1		8		4			9	5
7	3					2		
						6		
		1	8		4			9
8		7	9	1				
					3			4
		3		9	1		6	
6				2	7			1
		2			8			

### Last month's Easy Sudoku 49 solution.

1	4	5	7	9	6	8	2	3
6	9	8	2	1	3	5	4	7
3	7	2	8	4	5	9	6	1
7	8	3	5	2	1	6	9	4
4	2	6	9	8	7	1	3	5
9	5	1	3	6	4	2	7	8
5	6	4	1	7	9	3	8	2
2	1	9	4	3	8	7	5	6
8	3	7	6	5	2	4	1	9

### Last month's Moderate Sudoku 49 solution.

2	5	1	4	7	8	3	6	9
3	4	7	1	9	6	2	5	8
8	6	9	3	2	5	4	1	7
1	7	3	5	8	9	6	2	4
4	9	2	6	3	7	5	8	1
5	8	6	2	4	1	7	9	3
6	1	8	7	5	4	9	3	2
7	2	5	9	1	3	8	4	6
9	3	4	8	6	2	1	7	5



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